

**Abstract**

**Method for controlling network devices via a MMI**

The inventive method for controlling network devices via a MMI provides a fast and comprehensive control directly from a common interface layer of the MMI. The method generates and at least partially displays a hierarchical view of icons of all devices (23-35) connected to the network and/or services (24a-24c, 42, 43, 43a-43g, 46a-46o) corresponding to the devices, and subsequently couples each of said icons with operating functions of the associated device and/or service, respectively, wherein said devices and/or services are operatable from said hierarchical view.

(Fig. 1)

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